

February 2011 - The Laurel Board of Trade E-News

Here we are, February already! The snow is gone with only a few traces left and we all have things to do, people to see and businesses to run, so time to move forward!

First I would like to welcome some new members to the Laurel Board of Trade, C Street Gallery, Duvall Auto Repair & Odd Jobs, Quatrefoil Associates and Rainbow Florist and Delectable.

Don't Forget!

31st Annual Main Street Festival
Saturday, May 7th, 2011
9 am to 4 pm

Business After Hours- Business After Hours is a monthly gathering that would provide networking opportunities for the Laurel Board of Trade Members. At this event members can get to know new members of the Laurel business community and renew acquaintances with contacts in a relaxed atmosphere. The Laurel Board of Trade is looking for members who would be interested in "hosting" such an event. This is a great way for LBOT members to show off their facilities and services. The "hosting" member would be responsible for "light" refreshments; beverages, cheese & crackers, etc. The event would be from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, so as not to tie up an entire evening for anyone. Also, please remember that as a member of the Laurel Board of Trade but do not have a "store front", you can still participate and hold it at the Laurel Board of Trade office and you can "showcase" your product or services. For more information or if you would like to participate, please contact Gail at 301-483-0838.

Business Forum with Duchess Enterprises, LLC - Wednesday, March 2nd- Peg Duchesne will present a business forum on Social Networking and ways to improve your business contacts. 6:30 pm, location to be announced soon.

"And They're Off! 100 Years at Laurel Park" - The Laurel Museum's newest exhibit features exciting pictures, artifacts and more from Laurel Park's 100 year history! The Laurel Museum is located at 817 Main St., in Laurel. The museum is open Wednesday's & Fridays from 10 am - 2 pm, and Sundays from 1pm - 4pm.

Now playing *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, through February 27th, Laurel Mill Playhouse- Sheridan Whiteside, having dined at the home of the Stanley's, slips on their doorstep, breaking his hip. A tumultuous six weeks of confinement follow. The irascible invalid monopolizes the Stanley living room, giving rise to visits from unsavory individuals, mysterious phone bills, penguins and other hilarious destroyers of domestic tranquility. For ticket information, please visit www.laurelmillplayhouse.org.

"Track Talk", Thursday, February 10th, 6 to 9 pm- Presented by C Street Gallery, Laurel Historical Society and Venus Theatre, 19 C Street, Laurel. See C Street Gallery's Current Exhibit "Not Your Average Dog and Pony Show" before it closes. Visit Venus Theatre to take part in a panel discussion with former Maryland Horse Women, Linda Penkala and Paula Schuman. Take a chance to view additional artifacts from the Laurel Museum's current exhibit "And They're Off! 100 Years at Laurel Park".

"Winter at the Mill", Saturday, February 13th, 1:30 - 3:30 pm- Just for kids! An afternoon making things, imagining, creating, and playing in history. Activities include whittling (carving), needlework, candle making, playing with historic toys, dress-up and games. Space limited. Reservations required. \$5.00 per child, pay at the door. To reserve your space please call 301-725-7975 or email: assist@laurelhistoricalsociety.org.

Sunday, February 13th 2011 & Sunday, March 13th - The American Legion Breakfast is Back! 8 am - 11 am. Sponsored by the American Legion Riders, every 2nd Sunday of each month starting in February. All you can eat and drink! \$6.00 per person, children 5 and under "free" with adult, pay at the door. For additional information or reserved seating (groups of 9+ people) www.laurelpost60.org/ALR60.

Venus Theatre announces their 2011 Season on Valentines Day - Monday, February 14th, 5 - 7 pm. Join us for a meet and greet reception and raffle, announcement of the 2011 projects, music by The Sidhe Shee's and an open mike! See what's in store for 2011. The Venus Theatre, 21 C St., Laurel, MD.



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Right now as I'm writing the newsletter, Team FOP LAUREL LODGE #11 is in second place for the 13th Annual Deep Creek Dunk to benefit Maryland Special Olympics. The team's fundraising goal is \$15,000. and they are a third of the way to reaching their goal! As members of the Laurel Board of Trade and the Laurel community, maybe we can all help the Laurel Police Department reach that goal, especially for something that is so near and dear to their hearts! What a better way to say "Thank you" for everything they do for us! Google- 13th Annual Deep Creek Dunk 2011 (I found this the easiest way to go directly to the home page) there you can sponsor either a team individual or make a general team donation. For just \$50 in pledges, Dunk participants take a quick dip behind Uno's Bar and Grill in Deep Creek MD to raise funds for Special Olympics Maryland, the state's largest year round organization devoted to sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The event is free to spectators, and Dunkers receive a commemorative sweatshirt, lunch courtesy of Uno Chicago Bar & Grill, group color photo, and the great feeling of freezing your "fur" off for a truly worthy cause!

City of Laurel Annual Open House, Sunday, February 27th, 1-4 pm.- Sponsored by the Laurel civic Improvement Committee, Mayor Craig A. Moe, and Members of the Laurel City Council. Bring the whole family and enjoy the free entertainment and refreshments. Get to know your local government as well as the many local civic and non-profit organizations in the greater Laurel area. Laurel Municipal Center, 8103 Sandy Spring Rd., Laurel, MD.

Disney's Secretariat- Thursday, March 10th- The Laurel Historical Society & Museum. For more information please call 301-725-7975 or email: assist@laurelhistoricalsociety.org.

Black Coffee, March 11th through April 3rd at the Laurel Mill Playhouse - This little known mystery will surprise and delight Christie fans. The story concerns a physicist named Sir Claude Amory who has come up with a formula for an atom bomb. In the first act, Sir Claude is poisoned (in his coffee) and Hercule Poirot is called in to solve the case. He does so after many wonderful twists and turns in the true Christie tradition. For ticket information, please visit www.laurelmillplayhouse.org.

"A Night at the Races", Saturday, April 9th, 2011- Celebrate 100 Years of history at Laurel Park! Held at the Laurel Park Carriage Room, *A Night at the Races* will feature lively music and dancing as well as a full dinner and h'orderves. A silent auction with unique and exciting items will add to the fun and guarantee this is a not-to-be missed evening. For sponsorship and ticket information, please call the Laurel Museum at 301-725-7975 or visit their website at www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org.

Eggstravaganza, Saturday, April 16th- The City of Laurel's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Granville Gude Lakehouse and Park, begins at 1 pm for children up to 12 years of age. Co-sponsored by the Laurel Lions Club, Chic-Fil-A and Don Pablo's. Rain date April 23rd. Admission is free. For more information call 301-497-NEWS.

Lakefest 2011- Saturday, April 30th, 11 am - 3 pm - Granville Gude Park and Lakehouse. Sponsored by the City of Laurel. Kick off the summer with this family festival full of fun for everyone. Boating, games, food, entertainment, DJ, moon bounce, hayride, Joyful Motion Dancers, costume characters and more!

"Highlights of 2010" - Mayor Craig A. Moe has just released the City of Laurel's Annual Report. The City of Laurel "Highlights of 2010" Annual Report has been posted on the City's website. Please check out the many things that were completed by the dedicated and hard working City employees. Please follow the link below to review the "Highlights of 2010".
<http://www.laurel.md.us/content/annual-report>

Al Doong from Isagenix International -Al Doong from Isagenix works in the health and wellness industry specializing in nutrition and pain management. If you know a person who is suffering from pain inflammation, has allergies or chronic breathing problems, please have them contact Al at gettinhealthy22@aol.com or 443-850-6859.

St. Mary of the Mills 7th Grade Class is raising funds for the 8th Grade Graduation Dinner/Dance with Joe Corbi's Pizza until Tuesday, February 15th, 2011. For more information, please call Joy Jones, 301-385-9842.

LARS (Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc.)- is Still in need of food for their food pantry. Foods that are MOST Helpful for the LARS Food Pantry are: Cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauces, tuna, Tuna Helper type meal stretchers, mac and cheese, pancake mix (add water only type is best), Spaghetti O type canned good, pop-top soups and canned goods (for the street homeless people). LARS can also use small quantities of detergents and diapers (size 1-5). For more information on how you can help, please visit their website at www.laureladvocacy.org.

